

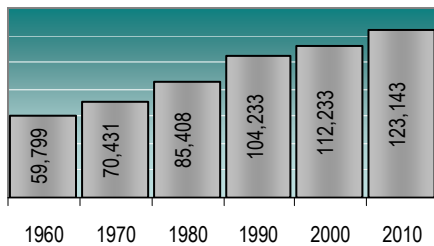
Strafford County

Strafford County is located on the eastern border of the state, south of center. A 45-mile stretch of the Salmon Falls River pouring into the Piscataqua River separates the county from Maine. It is the only county with three cities—Rochester, Dover, and Somersworth. It was one of the five original counties established in 1769, once encompassing all of Belknap County and the portion of Carroll County not in the White Mountain National Forest. The county was named for the Earl of Strafford, a title held by the Wentworth family in England who were prominent in New Hampshire politics in colonial days. Dover, along with Rye, was one of the first places to be settled in New Hampshire.

Strafford County contains 369.0 square miles of land area, the smallest among the counties, and 15.0 square miles of inland water area. Based on the 2010 Census population, the population density is 333.7 persons per square mile. Strafford County includes three cities, and ten towns. The county seat is Dover.



Population Trends: Though the smallest in land area, Strafford County is the third highest in population density. Site of one of the state's first settlements, population in this county grew fairly quickly until the Civil War. After that it was 1970 to 1980 before the population increased by 20 percent or more. Between 1980 and 1990 the county's population grew by 22 percent, then growth slowed again, increasing by 7.7 percent between 1990 and 2000. Strafford County, location of the University of New Hampshire, ranks as the state's youngest county, with a median age of 36.9 — 2.4 years younger than the next oldest, Hillsborough County.



Population		(US Census Bureau)			
2010	2000	1990	1980	1970	
123,143	112,233	104,233	85,408	70,431	

Demographics			(US Census Bureau)	
By Gender:	Male	Female		
Total	60,012	63,131		
18 years and over	46,899	50,824		
65 years and over	6,356	8,289		
Median Age (years)	36.0	37.7		
By Age Group	Under age 5	6,817		
	Age 5 to 19	24,860		
	Age 20 to 34	27,257		
	Age 35 to 54	14,645		
	Age 55 to 64	14,196		
	Age 65 and over	14,645		
	Median Age (years)	36.9		

Labor Force		(NHES-ELMI)	
Annual Average	2000	2010	
Civilian Labor Force	62,390	69,550	
Employed	60,690	65,440	
Unemployed	1,700	4,110	
Unemployment Rate	2.7%	5.9%	

2010 Annual Average Unemployment Rate by Town

Barrington	5.3%	Milton	7.4%
Dover	5.3%	New Durham	6.7%
Durham	4.5%	Rochester	6.6%
Farmington	7.8%	Rollinsford	4.1%
Lee	4.5%	Somersworth	6.5%
Madbury	4.3%	Strafford	4.9%
Middleton	8.0%		

Largest Businesses	Community	Product/Service	Employees
University of New Hampshire	Durham	Education	4,231
Liberty Mutual	Dover	Insurance services	3,500
City of Rochester	Rochester	Municipal services	1,547
City of Dover	Dover	Municipal services	1,139
Wentworth-Douglass Hospital	Dover	Health care services	1,100
Frisbie Memorial Hospital	Rochester	Health care services	655
Goss International	Durham	Printing press	475
Hannaford Brothers	Rochester	Supermarket	464
General Electric Co.	Somersworth	Manufacturing, meter control division	400+/-
Wal-Mart	Somersworth	Retail store	400+/-
Eastern Propane & Oil	Rochester	Retail propane & oil	310
Wal-Mart Supercenter	Rochester	Retail store, supermarket	295
Somersworth School Department	Somersworth	Education	291
Market Basket	Rochester	Supermarket	249
Albany Engineered Composites	Rochester	Aerospace engineered products	225
Waste Management	Rochester	Recycling & solid waste	200
Cambridge Tool North	Dover	Die casting	190
Market Basket	Somersworth	Supermarket	180
Home Depot	Rochester	Home improvement center	176
EAD Motors	Dover	Electric motors	172
Laars Technologies	Rochester	Boilers & water heaters	170
Hurcell Systems	Dover	Business equipment & parts	150
Velcro	Somersworth	Hook & loop products	129+/-
Turbocam USA	Barrington	Manufacturer of components for turbo-machinery operations	120
Market Basket	Lee	Supermarket	120
Index Packaging	Milton	Foam packaging	120
The Works Athletic Club	Somersworth	Physical fitness, wellness center	120+/-
Universak Recycling Technologies Corp	Dover	Electronics recycling	120
General Linen	Somersworth	Laundry facility	116
City of Somersworth	Somersworth	Municipal services	114+/-

Note: All employer information, including number of employees, was provided by the individual communities.

Covered Employment & Wages		(NHES-ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2000	2010	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	9,698	5,960	
Average Weekly Wage	\$780	\$965	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	24,873	28,833	
Average Weekly Wage	\$573	\$796	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	34,571	34,793	
Average Weekly Wage	\$631	\$825	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	8,613	9,351	
Average Weekly Wage	\$626	\$913	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	43,184	44,144	
Average Weekly Wage	\$630	\$844	

Income		(2008-2010 3-Year Average, ACS)	
Per Capita Income		\$28,351	
Median Family Income		\$71,521	
Median Household Income		\$55,991	
Median Earnings (Full-Time Year-Round)	Male	\$50,428	
	Female	\$37,092	
Families below poverty level		7.3%	

Commuting to Work		(2008-2010 3-Year Average, ACS)	
Workers, 16 years and over		64,720	
Car, truck or van: drove alone		49,819	
Car, truck or van: carpooled		7,473	
Public transportation (excluding taxi)		1,061	
Walked		2,865	
Other means		371	
Worked at home		3,131	

Mean travel time to work (minutes) 25.2

Percent of working residents:
 Working in county of residence 59.5%
 Commuting to some other NH county 31.2%
 Commuting out-of-state/country 9.3%

Transportation			
Road Access	US Routes	4; 202	
	State Routes	4; 9; 11; 16; 16A; 16B; 75; 108; 125; 126; 152; 153; 155; 155A; 202A; 236	

Nearest Interstates Spaulding Tpk., Exits 6-9 and 12-18;
 I-93, Exit 15; I-95, Exit 5; I-95 (ME), Exit 2

Nearest Airports with Scheduled Service Passenger Airlines
 Manchester-Boston Regional 8
 Portland (Maine) International 7

Educational Attainment (2008-2010 3-Year Average, ACS)

Population, Age 25 and Over	78,370
Less than 9th grade	2,810
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	4,662
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	23,033
Some college, no degree	15,602
Associate's degree	8,487
Bachelor's degree	14,797
Graduate or professional degree	8,979

Percent high school graduates or higher	90.5%
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	30.3%

Educational and Child Care Facilities*School Districts:*

▪ Barrington (Grades K-8)	▪ Strafford (Grades K-8)
▪ Dover (Grades K-12)	▪ Governor Wentworth
▪ Farmington (Grades K-12)	Regional – New Durham
▪ Milton (Grades K-12)	(Grades K-12)
▪ Rochester (Grades K-12)	▪ Oyster River Coop. –
▪ Rollinsford (Grades K-6)	Durham, Lee, Madbury
▪ Somersworth (Grades K-12)	(Grades K-12)

Career Technology Centers:

Creteau Regional Technology Center (Rochester); Dover
Career Technical Center; Region 9 Vocational Technical
Center (Wolfeboro)

Nearest Community College: Great Bay, Portsmouth; Lakes
Region, Laconia; NHTI-Concord

Nearest Colleges/Universities:

Southern New Hampshire (Manchester)
University of New Hampshire (Durham)

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2011

(NH Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities:	98	Total Capacity:	3,654
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Nearest Hospitals (NH Hospital Assoc.)

Exeter Hospital, Exeter	97
Frisbie Memorial, Rochester	82
Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro	25
Wentworth-Douglas, Dover	134

Housing (2008-2010 3-Year Average, ACS)

Total Housing Units	51,448
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	31,088
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	6,575
Five or More Units in Structure	8,438
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	5,347

Northern New England Real Estate Network Statistics*

YTD 2011 Median Sale Price, Residential	\$189,900
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NHHFA Residential Rental Cost Survey**

2011 Median Monthly Gross Rent, 2 Bedroom	\$973
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Property Tax Rates, 2010 (NH Dept. of Revenue Admin.)

Town	Total Tax Rate/\$1000	Equalization Ratio	Full Value Rate/\$1000
Barrington	\$19.57	107.6	\$20.95
Dover	\$23.75	95.5	\$22.26
Durham	\$27.28	100.0	\$27.27
Farmington	\$20.24	110.5	\$22.06
Lee	\$25.42	122.2	\$30.33
Madbury	\$23.99	105.0	\$25.56
Middleton	\$16.92	108.9	\$18.49
Milton	\$22.57	100.0	\$22.40
New Durham	\$21.19	100.0	\$21.10
Rochester	\$23.89	97.0	\$22.75
Rollinsford	\$20.53	100.0	\$20.35
Somersworth	\$27.32	100.0	\$27.20
Strafford	\$19.76	112.0	\$22.08

2010 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type, County Total

Residential Land and Buildings	81.6%
Commercial Land and Buildings	16.7%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.7%

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Dover City Clerk's Office	288 Central Avenue Dover NH	03820-4169	P: 516-6020 F: 516-6666	k.lavertu@doover.nh.gov www.dover.nh.gov	M-Th 8:30-5:30
Town of Durham	15 Newmarket Road Durham NH	03824-2898	P: 868-8064 F: 868-8033	jcampbell@ci.durham.nh.us http://ci.durham.nh.us	M-F 8-5
Farmington Board of Selectmen	356 Main Street, Municipal Offices Farmington NH	03835	P: 755-2208 F: 755-9934	planningdirector@metrocast.net www.farmington.nh.us	M-F 8-5; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: M-W 8:30-5, Th 8:30-7, F 8:30-12:30
Town of Lee	7 Mast Road Lee NH	03861	P: 659-5414 F: 659-7202	townadministrator@leenh.org www.leenh.org	M-F 8-4; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: M 8-6, WF 8-4
Madbury Planning Board	13 Town Hall Road Madbury NH	03823	P: 742-5131 F: 742-2505	tcmadbury@comcast.net www.townofmadbury.com	M 8-1 & 5-7, WTh 8-1
Middleton Board of Selectmen	182 King's Highway Middleton NH	03887	P: 473-2261 F: 473-2577	administration@middltonnh.gov www.middletonnh.gov	Selectmen: M-Th 8-4, F 8-12; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: M 1-7, T-Th 9-3
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Somersworth Dept of Development Svcs.	One Government Way Somersworth NH	03878	P: 692-9517 F: 692-9575	dsharples@somersworth.com www.somersworth.com	MTThF 8-4:30, W 8-6
Town of Strafford	PO Box 23 Center Strafford NH	03815	P: 664-2192 F: 664-7276	not available www.strafford.nh.gov	Selectmen: MTW 9-12; Town Clerk: MWTh 8:30-2, T 1-7

*all area codes are (603)